

MHSA funds to the California State Library are used to fund six primary mental health research activities, including: Reference and Information Services, Information Dissemination, Collection Development, Special Document Acquisition and Delivery, Research Services, and Librarian Assistance in order to augment the existing research and information-gathering capacity of the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

Specifically, the MHSA funds would enable the Library to provide enhanced reference and information services, develop appropriate search strategies and selection of databases and perform online searching in appropriate electronic and print resources and maintain a collection of materials (journals, books, reports, etc.) needed to support research efforts by DMH staff and would ensure that the records of the DMH collection would be accessible online through both the Library's online catalog and MELVYL, the online catalog which contains the University of California and CSL holdings.

CSL activities reported to DMH for the period 7/1/08 – 12/31/08 are as follows:

Brief summary of the major activities performed

- As part of the agreement with the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the CA State Library, delivered to DMH electronically, bi-monthly Studies in the News serial publications. These publications reach Interagency State Agencies and State County Mental Health Departments besides DMH and are designed as bibliographies of current articles of interest to DMH/MHSA staff. The publications also included information on current webcasts on mental health related topics and podcasts relating to mental health issues. During the reporting period of 7/1/2008-12/31/2008, a total of 12 Studies in the News bibliographies plus 3 Supplemental Issues for a total of 15 bibliographies that were issued. Attached are copies of these bibliographies that were produced during the July 2008 thru December 2008 timeframe.
- The assigned Reference Librarian to DMH served as a reference person for the Suicide Prevention Committee and Stigma Reduction Committee. The Librarian attended 3 meetings of the Stigma Reduction committee in Sacramento during the July-December, 2008. The meetings were held on November 12, December 2, and December 17, 2008. The charge of the DMH assigned Reference Librarian was to provide relevant reference to the committee as well as pertinent information and research for the committee's work product.

- The assigned Reference Librarian attended 2 Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) State wide workshops on July 18, 2008 in Emeryville, CA and July 31, 2008 in Sacramento, CA. The purpose of the workshops was to assist the counties in developing plans for presentation to DMH for use of MHSA funding. The Reference Librarian was present in order to develop reference materials that were needed as result of discussions.
- The assigned Reference Librarian attended 2 Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) meetings in Sacramento during relevant time frame on July 24, 2008 and September 25, 2008. Attendance at these meetings is to keep State Library apprised of areas of concern/interest before the Committee and to relevant information to DMH in this regard.
- The assigned Reference Librarian continued development of book collection for DMH with the ordering of approximately 170 new materials for the DMH collection, including books, curriculum, DVDs, and journals for the DMH collection. While this collection is currently lodged at the California State Library, a portion of these materials will be transferred to DMH so that they can utilize their collection more easily.
- The assigned Reference Librarian visited the Department of Mental Health liaison with the State Library on a weekly basis to determine research needs, book needs/requests, article requests. This involved 4 visits in July, 4 visits in August, 4 visits in September, 4 visits in October, 4 visits in November, and 3 visits in December for a total 23 visits to DMH.
- Trainings for the CA State Library databases were conducted on the State Libraries site on August 28, 2008. Two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, were held for DMH employees at the CA State Library computer lab. These were to assist DMH employees to use the special databases that are available for their use.
- The assigned Reference Librarian developed and sent out a survey to readers of the Studies in the News publication to ascertain interest, areas to be addressed, and types of research that were more necessary to work being pursued in the MHSA arena.
- The assigned Reference Librarian attended Interagency Partners Meeting at DMH on September 23, 2008. This meeting is to continue to assist the librarian to keep abreast of issues that are concerning the Interagency Partners and to provide reference assistance where necessary.

Accomplishments that are considered highlights and help further the intent of the MHSA (e.g., achieving system change)

- One of the highlights that the CA State Library has provided DMH to further the intent of the MHSA, is the publication of the Bi-monthly Studies in the News publication. This publication lends itself to research in studies in the scientific community that can assist in the planning for community projects/services using MHSA funds for the mentally ill as well as studies lending support to the recommendations that the MHSA staff are developing for further assistance in community/county efforts in assisting the mentally ill. This publication is designed to keep the MHSA staff as well as Department of Mental Health Staff aware of the current thinking in the various areas of mental health services, policies and procedures as well as evidence-based practices and research that is being done in the mental health field.
- Another accomplishment of the relationship between DMH and the CA State Library is the participation and research assistance given to the Stigma Reduction Committee in their efforts to provide guidelines in developing strategies for addressing the Stigma Reduction campaign for the State of California.
- In addition, participation and research assistance was given to the Suicide Prevention Strategy Plan for the State of California. Together with the select committee appointed for this project, a Strategic Plan for the State of California was developed and presented to the Governor. The published plan is now available to the public and details the results of the Committee's efforts.

Activities being coordinated with the local mental health system

- The assigned Reference Librarian provides assistance for research projects for local mental health and State agencies working on MHSA issues and projects. This involves research for the Department of Education and Administrative Office of the Courts as well as other State Agencies and Departments working on MHSA projects and includes the CA State Hospitals as well.